

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant thanks the examiner for the careful examination given to the present application. The application has been reviewed in light of the Office action, and it is respectfully submitted that the application as amended, is patentable over the art of record. Reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claim 3 has been rewritten in independent form. Claims 1-2, 4, 6, 8, and 11 have been canceled.

Claims 1-3, and 6-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kanbara et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,516,201). Claim 3 has been rewritten in independent form. Claims 1-2, 4, 6, and 8 have been canceled. For the following reasons, the examiner's rejection is respectfully traversed.

Kanbara does not disclose or teach that "communication control means can support different communication control systems" as recited in claim 3. The Office action cites col. 3, lines 22 to col. 4, lines 33, and col. 6, lines 1-16 as disclosing these elements in claim 3. However, the Office action also cites the same above-mentioned Kanbara passages as disclosing the elements of claim 2, which include using a same communications control system rather than different communication control systems as in claim 3. Since Kanbara does not teach supporting different communication control systems, Kanbara does not disclose or teach all the elements of the claimed invention.

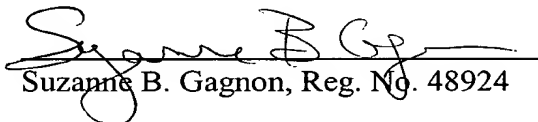
In light of the foregoing, it is submitted that the application as amended is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the application.

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